



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 15, cotton bolls are opening on virtually all of the acreage in the State. Harvesting is complete on 26 percent of the acreage compared to 25 percent last year and the five year average of 26 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, seeded and seedless watermelons, and lemons last week.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending October 15. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at various locations to 3 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon, Safford, and St. Johns. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Canyon De Chelly at 25 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 20 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff and Safford received the most at 1.21 inches and Roll received the lowest precipitation at 0.02 inches. There are now 4 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

### Range and Pasture

During September, Arizona's rangeland and pastures received much needed rain and moisture throughout the State. Grazing conditions were mostly fair to good. High elevation pastures were in good to excellent condition. Mid elevation conditions were mostly good. Low elevation conditions ranged from fair to excellent, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was mostly good. High and mid elevation pastures were in mostly good condition, but low elevation pastures were in fair to good condition. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water was mostly adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition varied from fair to excellent. High elevation pasture conditions were fair to excellent depending on the location. Mid elevation conditions were fair to good, and a substantial amount was in good condition. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate and soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in good condition. Pastureland conditions varied from good to excellent at high and mid elevation to mostly fair to good at low elevation. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**October 9 - October 15, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	66	-5	88	46	0.14	5.83	-1.91	75
Buckeye	70	-4	93	53	0.08	2.54	-3.14	45
Canyon De Chelly	51	-5	72	25	0.80	8.57	1.09	115
Coolidge	69	-3	93	49	0.00	5.18	-0.39	93
Douglas	63	-3	84	41	0.31	9.85	-1.46	87
Flagstaff	46	-4	65	27	1.21	14.04	-3.59	80
Grand Canyon	48	3	68	26	1.08	10.49	-5.37	66
Kingman	62	-4	81	40	0.11	4.83	-2.85	63
Marana	71	-2	90	54	0.09	11.02	2.64	132
Maricopa	70	-4	93	50	0.03	4.03	-1.42	74
Paloma	70	-5	91	52	0.08	3.16	-1.75	64
Parker	71	-5	92	51	0.33	2.13	-1.00	68
Payson	56	-4	75	38	0.32	11.89	-5.23	69
Phoenix	77	2	93	63	0.13	5.15	-0.53	91
Prescott	56	1	76	38	0.33	7.87	-8.03	49
Roll	73	-2	94	53	0.02	1.53	-0.81	65
Safford	68	3	88	46	1.21	8.65	0.92	112
St. Johns	59	3	77	39	0.79	7.01	-2.46	74
Tucson	72	0	90	54	0.10	11.13	1.33	114
Willcox	62	-1	85	41	0.61	9.16	-1.29	88
Winslow	57	-2	75	38	0.16	2.61	-3.74	41
Yuma	73	-5	91	56	0.00	0.79	-1.82	30

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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